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ADDENDUM

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3. [] has requested NFAC papers including NIE's on Middle East military balance. SSCI will prepare study on this subject at ~~the~~ request of other Committees for Senate's consideration in upcoming debate on President's aircraft sale proposals. Although discouraging wide dissemination of NIE's on ~~the~~ Hill, we have provided number of them, including 11-3/8, to SSCI in past and recommend we do so in this instance as well. To do otherwise would create major flap with Committee and would undermine your program of providing more intelligence to Congress. Know you expressed some reservations about providing NIE's on first becoming DCI so wanted to apprise you of this development.

This is beginning of what will probably be numerous requests for documents and briefings on this topic. Believe we should try to handle as many of these as possible through briefings. Providing NIE's on Middle East arm balance to SSCI carries some risk that others may ask for them on the basis that SSCI has seen. However believe we can defend SSCI use of NIE's although it will weaken our position somewhat.

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